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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Small Public Housing  
3 Authority Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS FOR CERTAIN**  
5 **SMALL PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.**

6 Section 5A(b) of the United States Housing Act of  
7 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c–1(b)) is amended by adding at  
8 the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(3) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN SMALL PHAS  
10 FROM FILING REQUIREMENT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-  
12 graph (1) or any other provision of this Act—

13 “(i) the requirement under paragraph  
14 (1) shall not apply to any qualified small  
15 public housing agency; and

16 “(ii) any reference in this section or  
17 any other provision of law to a ‘public  
18 housing agency’ shall not be considered to  
19 refer to any qualified small public housing  
20 agency, to the extent such reference ap-  
21 plies to the requirement to submit a public  
22 housing agency plan under this subsection.

23 “(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this  
24 paragraph, the term ‘qualified small public  
25 housing agency’ means a public housing agency  
26 that meets all of the following requirements:

1           “(i) The sum of (I) the number of  
2           public housing dwelling units administered  
3           by the agency, and (II) the number of  
4           vouchers under section 8(o) of the United  
5           States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
6           1437f(o)) administered by the agency, is  
7           100 or fewer.

8           “(ii) The agency is not designated  
9           pursuant to section 6(j)(2) as a troubled  
10          public housing agency.

11          “(iii) The agency provides assurances  
12          satisfactory to the Secretary that notwith-  
13          standing the inapplicability of the require-  
14          ments under this section relating to resi-  
15          dent advisory boards and public hearings  
16          and notice, residents of public housing ad-  
17          ministered by the agency will have an ade-  
18          quate and comparable opportunity for par-  
19          ticipation and notice regarding establish-

- 1                   ment of the goals, objectives, and policies
- 2                   of the public housing agency.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 5, 2004.

Attest:

*Clerk.*